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SUBJ: BICENTENNIAL EVEREST EXPEDITION

REF: KATHMANDU 1758 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBOF MET APRIL 28 WITH P. M. SINGH, MFA OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH LIAISON WITH MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITIONS TO EXPLORE WITH HIM ALTERNATIVES FOR USE OF RADIO BY EXPEDITION. SINGH SAID THAT "HE ANTICIPATED NO PROBLEM" IN APPROVING DIRECT RADIO LINK NAMCHE TO KATHMANDU PROVIDED THAT SUCH RADIO WAS UNDER POLICE CONTROL. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT EXPEDITION COULD EITHER PAY FOR SERVICES OF TRAINED POLICE RADIO OPERATOR OR COULD SUPPLY EX-GURKHA SIGNALS OPERATOR TO WORK FROM NAMCHE POLICE POST. SINGH SAID THAT EITHER ARRANGEMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE APPROVED. HE REQUESTED, HOWEVER, THAT EXPEDITION SUPPLY ASAP ALL TECHNICAL DETAILS REQUIRED IN REGULATIONS, INCLUDING ESTIMATED COST OF EQUIPMENT.

2. EMBOFF ALSO DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH SINGH'S IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR, MOHAN PANDE, REGARDING PRESS REPORTING FROM EXPEDITION. ACCORDING TO SECTION 31 OF REGULATIONS, ALL NEWS MUST BE APPROVED BY MFA BEFORE DISSEMINATION. PANDE SAID HE WOULD BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE SINCE IT WAS IN HMG'S INTEREST TO GIVE EXPEDITION AS WIDE PUBLICITY IN US AS POSSIBLE. HE NOTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT HMG WOULD PROVIDE EVERY  
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FACILITY SHOULD US TELEVISION NETWORK WISH TO PROVIDE

EXPEDITION COVERAGE.

3. BASED ON THESE CONVERSATIONS EMBASSY NOW BELIEVES  
THAT CHANCES FOR APPROVAL OF NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENT  
FILING FROM NAMCHE SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED OVER ORIGINAL  
ESTIMATE (REFTEL.) WILL AWAIT EXPEDITION'S AUTHORIZATION  
FOR APPLICATION AND TECHNICAL DATA. EAVES

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